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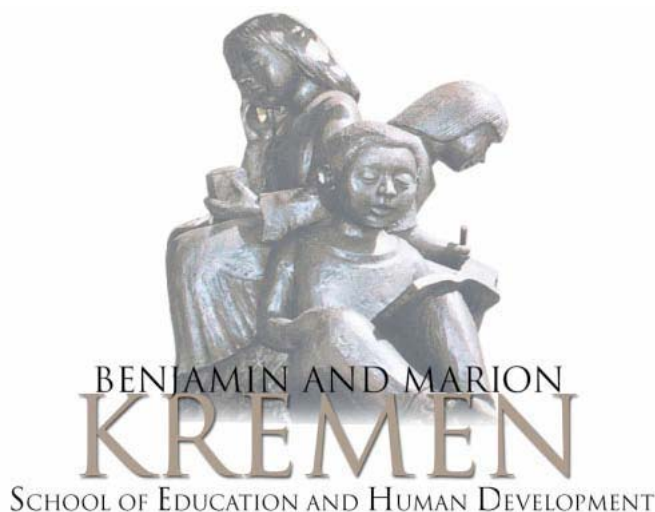
Kremen School of Education and Human Development

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN EDUCATION OPTION: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Early Childhood Education faculty invites you to make application to an exceptional program that prepare Early Childhood teachers and specialists to function effectively as skilled practitioners and leaders in their profession. Graduates of this program are employed in a variety of professional positions that, among others, include roles as early education teachers, instructional leaders or demonstration teachers, resource coordinators, supervisors and directors of early education programs, parent educators, research team members, early education consultants, higher education instructors, and leaders in professional organizations.

Welcome to your first step in becoming a specialist in Early Childhood!



****PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINES****

For current information regarding deadlines and admission processes, please go to; www.csufresno.edu/kremen and click on “Graduate Program Admissions” under the “Applications” tab.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants desiring a Master of Arts Degree in Education and/or Advanced Credential must complete specific admissions requirements to achieve Classified Standing (full admission) to the program. This includes completing separate applications for:

- Admission to the University
- Admission to a program within the Kremen School of Education and Human Development (KSOEHD)

The following pages describe in detail the requirements to apply to the MA in Education degree program.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**If you are a current continuing Post Baccalaureate student, please skip the “University Admission Requirement” section and go to “Program Admission Requirements”. You do not need to apply to the University unless you break enrollment.*

Complete the California State University, Fresno application for Graduate Admission available online at: www.csumentor.edu.

To complete your [university application](#), you must send:

1. **One set of official transcripts** from all colleges attended. If the last school you attended was CSU, Fresno, no transcripts are required. Failure to provide official transcripts to CSU, Fresno admissions will delay your program admission.
2. A **\$55.00 application fee** to CSU, Fresno. (*please do not send checks with program application*)

Mail the above items to: University Admissions–Graduate, 5150 N. Maple Ave., M/S JA 57, Fresno, CA 93740-8026. Your university admission status may be checked at <http://my.csufresno.edu>.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All documents required for program admission are to be assembled in *one complete packet* and submitted to the [Graduate Technician](#) in the Education Student Services Center in the Education Building, ED 151.

1. **Application for Admission to the KSOEHD-Graduate Program.**

Fill in the required information. (Form attached pg 7)

2. **Documentation of Admission or Application Status to CSU, Fresno**

A copy of your notice of Post baccalaureate admission will meet this requirement or print off status from the Fresno State portal or current transcripts.

3. **Minimum GPA of 2.75.**

Graduate program applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted. Failure to provide official transcripts to CSU, Fresno admissions will delay your program admission. The GPA will be verified by technician as file is being set up for review.

4. **Complete a Statement of Purpose.**

This is a “1 to 2” page, typed statement of your purpose for applying to the Early Childhood Education program. Focus on your present situation and your short and long-term professional goals. (See attached form pg 8)

5. **Provide Three (3) sealed Letters of Recommendation.** (Print the attached forms, pgs 9-11)

Include letters of reference and the attached form from instructors, supervisors, or other individuals who are in a position to evaluate you in terms of your potential for graduate study in the Early Childhood Education program. *Do not send separately.*

6. **Writing Competency.**

You must meet this requirement by:

- Obtaining a minimum score of a 41+ of the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST) or pass all sections of the entire test (provide a copy), **OR**
- Obtaining a minimum score of 114+ on the Upper Division Writing Examination (UDWE) (verified on CSUF transcript), **OR**
- Earning a grade of “B” or better in ENGL 160W or ENGL 117W (please note these are the **only** “W” courses accepted without request for review).

For information regarding the UDWE or CBEST, contact the CSU, Fresno Office of Testing

Services located in the Family and Food Sciences Building, Room 110 or call (559) 278-2457.

7. TOEFL Score of 560-International Students Only.

If you are an International Student, Obtain a TOEFL Score of 560. Verification of the TOEFL score must be provided by the admission date. For information regarding admission deadline dates and specific applications for international students, contact the International Admissions Office, located in the Joyal Administration Building, Room 211 (278-2409).

ADVANCED CREDENTIAL APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Credential Applicants must complete the above, plus:

8. Possess a Basic Teaching Credential.

Applicants must provide a copy of their valid Multiple Subject, Standard Elementary or generally Elementary Credential. (2 years teaching experience)

9. Provide Evidence of passing CBEST

Applicants must include in their admissions packet a copy of the CBEST Permanent Verification Card.

ADVISING

Students entering this option must meet both university and program requirements which includes being qualified for the ECE Master Teaching Permit (BA/BS degree to include 12 units ECE or Child Development and 3 units supervised ECE fieldwork) or hold a valid teaching credential. (see page 5)

Upon admission, students will be assigned a program advisor with whom they will meet to complete an ECE Advising form by the end of the first month of the semester.

Students who meet the prerequisites for the Early Childhood Specialist Credential program commonly combine both programs. (see pages 5-6)

ERA 153- Educational Statistics, a prerequisite to ERA 220- Research in Education. You must successfully complete ERA 153- Educational Statistics, with a grade of "C" or better or its CSUF approved equivalent as verified on your transcripts-PSYCH 144, PSYCH 143, SWRK 176, DS 123, or HS 202. Coursework from other institutions must be reviewed prior and separate from application. Contact [Graduate Technician](#) for more information at 559-278-0299.

DEADLINES/ CONDITIONS

All materials required for full admission (Classified Standing) to a Graduate program must be submitted in one complete packet to the Graduate Technician in ED 151 by the published deadline.

Spring and fall deadlines for program admission are in accordance with or prior to University application deadlines for graduate students. Please check <http://www.csumentor> or contact the Education Student Services Center (559-278-0299) for specific dates or with application questions.

Applicants are required to attain full admission status to program prior to the end of the first semester of program enrollment. Applicants who have not completed all requirements for full admission will not be able to enroll in further Graduate coursework.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REVIEW

Admission to a Graduate program is subject to review of all documentation and recommendation by a committee of the program faculty.

The committee does not automatically recommend for admission all students who meet the minimum

admission requirements. It selects for admission into the program only students who demonstrate reasonable academic and professional potential. You will be notified by letter of the Program’s admission decision.

APPEAL PROGRAM ADMISSION DECISION

If you are denied program admission, you may appeal this decision. To do this, you must:

- Bring your letter of denial to the Graduate Technician in ED 151 within two (2) weeks of the date on the letter.
- Obtain from the Graduate Admissions Technician the “Special Consideration Application” and related information.
- The completed “Special Consideration Application” form along with complete application packet is then forwarded to the Program Coordinator who presents it to the Special Consideration Committee for review. You will be notified by letter of the committee’s decision.

Note: KSOEHD programs reserve the right to not accept “Special Consideration” applications if program is full.

FINANCIAL AID

Students requesting a letter to be submitted to the Financial Aid Office must be at least conditionally classified in their master's degree program. First-time/new graduate students must request this letter from the Graduate Admissions Office, Joyal Administration Building, Room 121; and students continuing in the graduate program must request this letter from the Division of Graduate Studies Office, Thomas Administration Building, Room 132.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

A list of university services and related offices available for students is provided below. Additional information about services available for students can be obtained from the Dean of Student Affairs located in the Joyal Administration Building, Room 262 (559-278-2541) or on the following Web site:

<http://studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/> (The area code for all telephone numbers listed below is "559.")

Admissions/Records/Evaluations http://www.csufresno.edu/catoffice/current/admsns.html	Joyal Lobby (windows)	278-2261
Advising Office (serving returning students) http://studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/ReEntryProgram/	Joyal 224	278-1787
Financial Aid Office http://studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/	Joyal 296	278-2182
Learning Resource Center http://www.csufresno.edu/lrc	Peters Bldg. Annex	278-3052
Office of Testing Services http://www.csufresno.edu/testing/	Family/Food Sciences 110	278-2457
Services for Students with Disabilities http://studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/SSD/	University Center, Rm. 5	278-2811
University Outreach (serving first-time students) http://www.gotofresnostate.com/	Joyal 252	278-2048
Veterans Benefits http://www.csufresno.edu/are/veterans/	Joyal 106	278-7030

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN EDUCATION OPTION- EARLY CHILDHOOD

PREREQUISITES

- A** Qualify for ECE Master Teaching Permit (BA/BS degree plus 12 units ECE or Child Development and 3 units supervised ECE fieldwork) or hold a valid teaching credential

COURSE OF STUDY

Core Requirements		UNITS
ERA 220*	Research in Education	3
CI 285 or CI 288	Seminar in Advanced Educational Psychology Educational Measurement and Program Application	3
LEE 235**	Concept Development in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 241	Fieldwork in Early Childhood Education	3
<i>Subtotal</i>		12
ECE Course of Study		UNITS
Select 9 units with approval of Early Childhood Coordinator.		
LEE 171	Trends and Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 232	Literacy in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 233	Curriculum and Assessment Strategies in Early Childhood	3
LEE 271	Diversity and Inclusion Early Childhood Education	3
<i>Subtotal:</i>		9
Electives		UNITS
Select electives with the approval of the Early Childhood Education Coordinator.		
<i>Subtotal:</i>		5
Culminating Experience		UNITS
LEE 298B***	Project	
OR LEE 299B***	Thesis	4
<i>Subtotal:</i>		4
TOTAL UNITS		30

* Educational Statistics (ERA/ ERF 153) or equivalent is the prerequisite to ERF 220.

** Students must pass the graduate writing requirement, which is part of LEE 235, prior to applying for Advancement to Candidacy.

*** Advancement to Candidacy must be attained one semester prior to the term in which the student wishes to graduate or register for the culminating experience (i.e., LEE 298B Project OR LEE 299 Thesis).

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS,
CONTACT THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
ED 250, (559) 278-0250.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL

PREREQUISITES

- A** Possess a basic teaching credential (Multiple Subject, Single Subject, Education Specialist, or PPS credentials) and having two years of ECE teaching experience by the time the credential is issued.
- B** Completion of all admission requirements and be admitted to the Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential Program

COURSE OF STUDY

ECE Core Requirements		Units
Select 15 units with approval of Early Childhood Coordinator.		
LEE 171	Trends and Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 232	Literacy in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 233	Curriculum and Assessment Strategies in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 235	Concept Development in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 241	Fieldwork in Early Childhood Education	3
LEE 271	Diversity and Inclusion in Early Childhood Education	3
Subtotal:		15
Electives		Units
Electives may be selected from fields including special education, educational administration, bilingual education and/or other areas of specialization as determined in consultation as determined in consultation with the ECE faculty adviser.		15
Subtotal:		15
TOTAL UNITS		30

EXPERIENCE

Two years of successful teaching experience in Early Childhood Education.

CREDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION

Students must file an application for the ECE Specialist Credential after all coursework is completed. Applications are available online at education.csufresno.edu/applications/cred.htm or from the Credential Analyst in the Education Student Services Center, ED 151. In addition to state fees, a \$25 KSOEHD processing fee will be charged for all services and specialists credentials.

**FOR INFORMATION ON THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM
CONTACT THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
ED 250, (559) 278-0250**

KSOEHD APPLICATION TO PROGRAM

****PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINES****

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You are applying to the: Master of Arts in Education, Option: _____ and/or Advanced Credential:

- Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Specialist

(Please type below)

NAME: _____
 Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
 Number & Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE: Home _____ Business _____

CSUF E-MAIL: _____ E-MAIL (ALTERNATE): _____

SS# _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ STUDENT ID#: _____ GENDER: Male Female

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>YEAR GRADUATED</u>
UNDERGRADUATE	_____	_____	_____	_____
GRADUATE	_____	_____	_____	_____
	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>TYPE OF CREDENTIAL</u>	<u>DATE EXPIRES</u>	
CURRENT CALIFORNIA CREDENTIAL:	_____	_____	_____	

COMPLETION OF THIS FORM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ADMISSION TO CSU, FRESNO.

STUDENTS DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Circle one: *Mail* *In person*

Staff Initials and Date: _____

Cohort: _____

- 1. KSOEHD Application (Above Complete)
- 2. Admission Status to CSUF- Dept Rec Change-Form
- 3. GPA of 2.75: UGRD cumulative _____ Last 60 units _____
 PBAC cumulative _____ CSUF PBAC GPA _____
- 4. Statement of purpose
- 5. Letters of recommendation: 1) __ 2) __ 3) __
- 6. Writing competency: CBEST or UDWE or ENGL 160W or ENGL 117 W("B" or better) _____
- For our Records only: ERA 153 _____
- 7. TOEFL (if foreign student 550+) Score _____ Date _____

Advanced Credential Applicant requirements:

- 8. Valid Teaching Credential
- 9. Copy of CBEST

Faculty Review	Graduate Technician
Master's Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Admit <input type="checkbox"/> Deny Credential Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Admit <input type="checkbox"/> Deny Reasons _____ _____ Coordinator _____ Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Change Program <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Reconsider Coordinator _____ Date _____	Service Ind: _____ Assigned Advisor _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Master of Arts in Education, Option:

Early Childhood Education

and/or Advanced Credential:

Early Childhood Specialist

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

In the space provided below, provide relevant information about yourself including goals, objectives, and experiences related to the master's degree and/or advanced credential certificate program to which you are applying. Please focus primarily on your short-term and long-term professional goals. You may attach additional pages.

CONGRATULATIONS!
NOW YOU ARE READY TO:

- 1. Print this application (Keep pages 1-6 for future reference.)**
- 2. Include the additional documentation required**
- 3. Place this application and all documentation in order addressed in pages 1-4**
- 4. Keep a copy of all documents submitted, for your records.**
- 5. Bring the completed application and additional documents to the Education Student Services Center, ED 151 prior to the application deadline date or mail to:**

**Kremen School of Education and Human Development
Attn: Graduate Technician, Maria Elrod
5005 North Maple Ave. M/S 301
Fresno, CA. 93740-8025**

- 6. We will notify you via letter. Admission status is not given over the phone, in person or via e-mail.**